

GERMANY FACING CIVIL WAR PERIL

Attempt to Establish Soviet Regime by Communists Now Feared

By MILTON BRONNER.
BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Unless in the meantime something is done to help Germany stabilize the mark, steady food and clothing prices, January and February will see grave danger to the republic.

Communists may attempt a Soviet regime; Monarchists another "putsch" to restore the dictator in power.

One of this might easily grow civil war.

If this occurred, with its further destruction of values, ravaging of fields and shooting up of cities, the Allies could kiss goodbye any hopes of reparations or indemnities, unless they grabbed chunks of German territory.

Since I have visited Germany this time, there have been incidents of grave import. In cities as scattered as Cologne, Düsseldorf, Dresden and Brunswick there have been serious disturbances, marked by high prices, spurred by Communist preaching, mobs smashed windows and looted shops.

It is significant that most places plundered were groceries and shoe stores; also that in every case the mob marched to the leading hotels and howled exhortation at those who came into Germany, eating up the people's food and forcing up prices.

One of the best informed editors in Berlin expressed to me his fear for the republic. He put it like this:

"Under the Versailles Treaty the republic is allowed a maximum of 100,000 troops. Policing a nation of 65,000,000 is a tremendous task. Mob violence started all over Germany, the government simply might not be able to handle the situation."

"I fear that's what the Monarchists wish. The Junkers doubtless have arms. Also in many parts of Germany the reactionaries are supposed to have organizations with subsidiaries which call themselves 'storm troops' and drill in secret."

"Suddenly you might see these reactionary forces appear, guns in hand, under old army officers. They would say the government had showed itself powerless. Therefore they would restore order. They might not aim at immediate restoration of the throne but might imitate what happened in Hungary."

"Just as the royalists there named Admiral Horthy as supreme dictator, so in Germany they might set up a Hindenburg or a Eudenborg."

"The bulk of the working class would array themselves against the reactionaries. The result would be civil war."

"In the Kapp putsch the workmen struck and the strike proved highly successful. But I fear the reactionaries learned a lesson from that attempt. Most of Germany's food is raised on Junker estates. It is possible they would say until the workmen went back to their jobs, they would not allow any more food to come to the cities."

"That seemed to me a disturbing picture. I went to the Reichstag and sought out Eduard Bernstein, Social Democratic veteran. He didn't seem alarmed. Said he:

"There is always some danger of local plundering and that the Monarchists might try a putsch. But I think these dangers exaggerated. The mass of workmen are true to the republic. As to the country

Movie Star in Happy Days



Another heavy blow landed on the movie industry when Wallie Reid, beloved of the feminine fans, fell from his high position. Here is Wallie and Mrs. Reid (formerly Dorothy Davenport) in their beautiful Hollywood home before the movie star was forced to enter a sanitarium.

landlords starving the cities into submission, many workers on the estates are in sympathy and alliance with the city workers. They would not permit any such tactics. "Finally the government is an importer of food and those supplies are in the cities."

"The republic has many foes, but also many determined friends. It may encounter rough seas but those who come into Germany, eating up the people's food and forcing up prices."

NEW TRIAL SOUGHT BY CONVICTED CRAFTERS

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Convicted of conspiracy to defraud the Chicago board of education, William A. Bither and Henry W. Kaup today prepared to obtain a new trial a motion for it being docketed for hearing December 26.

Both men were found guilty by a jury last night which sentenced Bither to prison for one to five years and added a fine of \$2,000. Kaup was sentenced to nine months in the county jail and fined \$2,000.

These two convictions marked the first since Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, and Attorney General Brundage undertook an investigation of alleged irregularities in the school board's business transactions.

RUINS MARK SITE OF DEARBORN ST. STATION

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Smoldering ruins today marked the site of the Dearborn Street railroad station, a landmark since 1881 and once called the best terminal in the world. It was destroyed late yesterday by fire believed to have started from crossed wires in offices on the third floor. Officials said they had little faith in reports it was of incendiary origin.

Hardly had the debris cooled before workmen started making the ruins at least temporarily useable and before midnight trains resumed use of the huge structure.

Eight roads, including the Chesapeake & Ohio, use the station as a terminal.

For the first time since 1914 a shipment of more than 1000 game birds for stocking the game preserves of the west has come from Europe to the United States.

HINTS GIVEN ON BURNING COAL

Chamber of Commerce Passes On Suggestions From National Body

Inasmuch as the homes of Fairmont and Marion County are burning more soft coal than heretofore it will be of interest for the general public to learn about the methods pursued to obtain the best results from soft coal consumption.

Hard coal never has been used in the Fairmont Chamber of Commerce summarizes the following, which originally comes from the United States Chamber of Commerce: "The anthracite user will find, first, that bituminous coal is dirtier to handle and that it requires more attention than hard coal. He will find the low volatile, or smokeless, bituminous from West Virginia or Pennsylvania probably the most satisfactory kind that he can get."

"The best method of firing what is called run-of-mine bituminous—i. e., lump and dust mixed—has been found to be as follows: "In starting the fire use the larger lumps."

"When the fire is well under way add a thin layer of fresh coal."

"When the coal is burning freely scrape the fire as much as possible to one side of the fire-box, putting in fresh coal on the side from which the fire has been scraped."

"This method leaves the contents of the fire box in the shape of a 'V'. The live coals are on one side, exposed and burning freely; and the fresh coal on the other side is igniting slowly. When it comes time to fire the furnace again on one side, will have burned out and the other side will have become fully ignited and coked. Fresh coal then should be put on the side which has burned out."

"Bituminous coal in the process of burning will fuse into a brittle porous mass, forming a crust over the fire. This is coke; and to obtain the best results this coke should be kept broken up with a poker, permitting proper circulation of air. Coke can be told from clinker by the ease with which it is broken up."

"In the morning when it is time

to heat the house quickly the coke should be broken up; the fire should be leveled and the coke should be allowed to burn freely with a good draft until the house is heated. Then it is time to rearrange the fire as before, the hot coals on one side and the fresh coal on the other. This plan will save coal."

"Since soft coal gives off more gas than hard coal and as it burns more freely, the soft coal requires less draft in burning, but more care in seeing that the gases given off are fully consumed or that surplus gases are allowed to escape up the chimney. Before placing fresh coal in the furnace the smoke pipe damper should be opened and the air check damper should be closed. The fire door should be left open until the gases ignite, or one is likely to get an explosion that will blow the fire door open. When the fire door is closed it is well to leave open slightly the small vent in the middle of the door. This allows fresh air to reach the gases and aid ignition. To control the fire after it is burning regulate with the ash pit vent and the air check damper at the back of the furnace."

SHINNSTON

Mildred Goodwin was shopping in Clarksburg Thursday.

D. W. Funk will spend his Christmas holidays at Cleveland, Ohio.

Walter G. Russell, assistant state fire marshal, spoke to the students of the high school Thursday morning on "Fire Prevention."

Virginia Walls, Katherine Feaster and Ellen Higginbotham, students of Fairmont Normal, are spending the holidays with their parents here.

Richard Cole, Pauline Cox, Burel Prouts, David Abuzzing, William Lucas, Lillian Martin and Carney Bogges, students of W. V. U., are spending the holidays with home folks.

Miss Helen Bolman, a student at Ohio University, arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bolman of Mableton Street.

Miss Marshall Randall, a student at the Cincinnati Conservatory, will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Randall of Rebecca street.

David Louie, who is attending the Ohio State University, will arrive home today.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker of

Sanger, Tex., are visiting Mrs. P. E. Tetrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Riley and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wiser were Clarksburg shoppers Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Haught were shoppers in Clarksburg Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harvey of Lumberport were visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Haught Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Null and

daughter Mabel were shopping at Fairmont Wednesday.

Miss Kate Meredith of Shinnston will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Meredith, of Morristown, during Christmas holidays.

Miss Marie McDonald will visit relatives at Pittsburgh, Pa., this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Fisher will visit the former's parents, F. A.

Martin of Enterprise Christmas Mrs. Dave Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Will Henry and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haller have arrived at the home of J. W. Saunders to spend Christmas vacation.

Women factory and laundry workers in Kansas won a signal victory when the Court upheld the Industrial Court's minimum wage law for women workers.

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